

Western Washington Fish & Wildlife Office



■ Culvert removal



■ Culvert replaced by bridge



■ Riparian planting

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Let us help you conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife and their habitats.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offers a variety of grant programs to help private citizens, Tribes, State and federal agencies and non-governmental organizations restore and protect fish and wildlife and their habitats. The Western Washington Fish and Wildlife Office is the first point of contact for many of these programs. This brief overview provides basic information and contact points for many of these programs. Find the program that is right for your project, then contact us for more information.

Chehalis Fisheries Restoration Program

Purpose:

The Chehalis Fisheries Restoration Program provides funding for projects intended to restore Chehalis River fisheries resources.

Eligibility:

Any private landowner, non-profit organizations, or local, tribal, state or federal agencies. Any proposal that would restore fisheries populations is considered.

Area:

Chehalis River and Grays Harbor Basins.

Typical Projects:

Projects involving habitat restoration, environmental assessment, and education and outreach. Funded projects have included removal of invasive species and replanting with native species, riparian and wetland res-

toration of off-channel fish rearing habitat, restoring agricultural wetlands for fish use, and monitoring of fish use of these habitats.

Financial Information:

Requests for proposals are circulated in the spring. Project allocations typically range from \$1,000 to \$60,000 with cost shares ranging from 25 to 75%. Private individuals and groups strive for a 25% match while larger companies and entities require a 75% match. Technical assistance is available.

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www.r1.fws.gov/press/wwo/default.htm

Click on "Request for project proposals"

National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants

Purpose:

The national Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program focuses on acquiring, restoring, enhancing and managing pristine and threatened coastal wetlands through partnership between federal and state agencies.

Eligibility:

State agencies administering acquisition programs in coastal areas and designated by state governors to apply. The agencies may form partnerships with tribes, local governments or conservation groups to carry out projects.

Area:

Coastal Counties of Puget Sound and the Pacific Coast.

Typical Projects:

Acquisition and restoration of critical wetland habitat in coastal areas that provide habitat for migratory and resident fish and wildlife species, including salmon and anadromous trout.

Financial Information:

Since 1991 this program has provided over \$16 million in grants in Washington. Approximately \$15 million is available nationally each year and projects compete on a national scale. There is no set amount available to any state but no one recipient can receive more than 10% of the total national allocation. Applicants must provide a 25% non-federal cost share. Larger cost share amounts enhance the competitiveness of project proposals. Project funds range from several hundred thousand dollars to a maximum of \$1 million.

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Pacific Coast Joint Venture,
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<http://www.fws.gov/cep/cwgcover.html>

National Fish Passage Program**Purpose:**

The goal of the National Fish Passage Program is to restore native fish and other aquatic species to self-sustaining levels by reconnecting habitat that has been fragmented by man-made

barriers. All projects are voluntary, done in cooperation with willing partners.

Eligibility:

The program partners with agencies, tribes, private organizations and landowners.

Area:

Statewide.

Typical Projects:

Removal of fish passage barriers such as undersized or elevated culverts, dams, water diversion structures, and other impediments to fish passage, and replacement with adequately-sized fish passable structures.

Financial Information:

Projects typically range in cost from \$20,000 to \$110,000 each. Approximately four projects are funded annually in western Washington.

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Web:

<http://fws.gov/FWSMA/FishPassage/fishpassprogram.htm>

Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act (FRIMA)**Purpose:**

The FRIMA program provides financial assistance to local partners to correct impediments to fish passage related to irrigation and water diversion projects and facilities.

Eligibility:

Any state agency, local group or private landowner. Projects must include a local government or Tribal sponsor or co-applicant

Area:

Statewide.

Typical Projects:

Ten FRIMA projects were funded in Washington in 2002, four in 2003 and five in 2004. Projects must involve fish screens, fish ladders or related modifications to water diversions that are directly associated with passage improvements.

Financial Information:

Project sponsors must identify at least 35% matching funds for the design and construction of the eligible project. Matching funds may include in-kind contributions such as easements, materials, equipment or labor. The project operator or sponsor must assume responsibility for operation and maintenance costs of the project.

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Web:<http://www.r1.fws.gov/Fisheries/Fish%20Passage-Screening%20program.htm>

Partners for Fish and Wildlife**Purpose:**

Partners for Fish and Wildlife is a national voluntary habitat restoration program that provides financial and technical assistance to private landowners, Tribes and other conservation partners. It focuses on restoring habitat for migratory birds, anadromous fish, and declining plant and animal species. Focus areas in western Washington include prairies and wetland, riparian and in-stream habitats.

Eligibility:

Any private or Tribal landowner.

Projects may not be implemented on federal or state lands. Partnerships with other agencies or organizations are encouraged to increase the leverage of funds. Cooperators sign an agreement to retain restoration projects for at least 10 years and otherwise retain full control of their land.

Area:
Western Washington

Typical Projects:
On-the-ground projects. Funded projects have included removal of invasive species and replanting with native species, installing fencing and off-stream livestock watering facilities, riparian and wetland restoration including agricultural wetlands, and restoration of fish passage by removing barriers.

Financial Information:
Requests for proposals are circulated in the spring. The program strives for an equal match of cost share or in-kind services.

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<http://partners.fws.gov>

Private Stewardship Grant Program

Purpose:
The Private Stewardship Grants Program provides funding and other assistance on a competitive basis to individuals and groups engaged in local, private, and voluntary conservation efforts that benefit federally listed, proposed or candidate species.

Eligibility:
Individuals and groups engaged in voluntary, on the ground conservation efforts at the local level. At least some of the landowners

who have confirmed their intent to participate in the conservation effort must be identified in the application.

Area:
Statewide/Nationwide

Typical Projects:
Projects that improve habitat or implement other activities on private lands for the benefit of endangered, threatened, candidate, proposed, or other at-risk species of plants and animals. Examples of past project activities include: managing non-native competitors, re-introducing imperiled species, implementing measures to minimize risk from disease, restoring streams, riparian areas or uplands that support imperiled species, erecting fence to exclude animals from sensitive habitats, or planting native vegetation to restore native plant communities.

Financial Information:
Applications are due in the winter/spring each year (according to the Federal Register release date) and are reviewed over the spring. A 10% match of cash or cost share through in-kind services is required. Funds are awarded by the Secretary of the Interior in early spring/summer. In FY 2003, awards totaling \$9.4 million were awarded nationwide. Specific project awards range from \$25,000 to over \$100,000.

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Puget Sound Program

Purpose:
The Puget Sound Program

seeks to protect, restore, and enhance fish and wildlife resources in Washington's coastal ecosystems. Activities utilize partnerships and inter-agency agreements to emphasize a watershed approach to coastal habitat protection and restoration.

Eligibility:
Any federal, state, Tribal, local and non-profit entities may apply.

Area:
Puget Sound, Grays Harbor, and Willapa Bay coastal areas.

Typical Projects:
Large coastal wetland restoration projects implemented with a variety of partners. Although the program is relatively flexible in the type of projects funded, it does not typically work with individual landowners. Projects include planning and implementing coastal habitat restoration and protection projects; assessing threats and status of coastal resources to assist with their management and; conducting outreach and education activities to help promote the stewardship of Washington's coastal resources.

Financial Information:
Requests for proposals are circulated in the spring. The program seeks a 50% or greater cost share in federal or non-federal match, cash, or in-kind contribution. Technical assistance in planning, project design, environmental compliance and implementation is available from the USFWS.

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Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance

Purpose:

Provide financial assistance for the development of Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP) that provide conservation for imperiled species and regulatory certainty for land management activities.

Eligibility:

Individuals or groups developing HCPs may apply for funds. All applicants must partner with the Washington Department of Natural Resources or the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Area:

Statewide/Nationwide

Typical Projects:

Planning and development of Habitat Conservation Plans.

Financial Information:

Proposals compete nationally. Cost shares range from 25% for single states to 10% if two or more states implement a joint project. Technical assistance is available.

Contact:

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Web:

<http://endangered.fws.gov/grants>
<http://wdfw.wa.gov/grants/section6/>

Habitat Conservation Plan Land Acquisition

Purpose:

Provide financial assistance to acquire land to secure protection of threatened or endangered spe-

cies habitats that complement the conservation benefits of the associated HCPs.

Eligibility:

Individuals or groups interested in securing land for listed, proposed, or candidate species may apply for funds. All applicants must partner with the Washington Department of Natural Resources or the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Area:

Statewide/Nationwide

Typical Projects:

Purchase from willing sellers of lands that will expand the conservation benefits of approved HCPs and/or support threatened or endangered species.

Financial Information:

Minimum 25% non-federal cost share required (cash or in-kind). More than the minimum cost share increases a proposal's competitiveness.

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<http://endangered.fws.gov/grants>
See <http://wdfw.wa.gov/grants/section6/> for Washington State information associated with this grant program.

Recovery Land Acquisition

Purpose:

Permanent conservation of land that contributes to the recovery of listed species by supporting approved recovery plans.

Eligibility:

Individuals or groups interested in securing land for listed, proposed, or candidate species may apply for funds. All applicants

must partner with the Washington Department of Natural Resources or the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Area:

Statewide/Regional

Typical Projects:

Acquisition of land from willing sellers that will support the recovery of threatened or endangered species.

Financial Information:

Proposals compete regionally. Minimum 25% non-federal cost share required (cash or in-kind). More than the minimum cost share increases a proposal's competitiveness.

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<http://endangered.fws.gov/grants>
<http://wdfw.wa.gov/grants/section6/>

Landowner Incentive Program

Purpose:

The Landowner Incentive Program is designed to help states by providing grants to establish or supplement landowner incentive programs that protect and restore habitats on private lands to benefit federally listed, proposed or candidate fish and wildlife species or other species determined to be at risk, and to provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners for habitat protection and restoration.

Eligibility:

State agencies with primary responsibility for fish and wildlife species may submit proposals but other organizations may partner with or serve as subgrantees with

those agencies.

Area:
Statewide/Nationwide.

Typical Projects:

Current focus is on small landowners for fish passage, nearshore marine birds, and local watersheds, with an emphasis on the Skagit watershed.

Financial Information:

States must provide a minimum of 25% nonfederal match. One of the current ranking proposals, however, is the amount of nonfederal match above the required minimum.

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Tribal Landowner Incentive Program

Purpose:

For actions and activities that protect and restore habitats that benefit federally listed, proposed, or candidate species, or other at-risk species on Tribal lands.

Eligibility:

Any federally recognized Tribe.

Area:
Statewide/Nationwide

Typical Projects:

Projects involving habitat restoration, environmental assessment, and other efforts to protect federally listed, proposed or candidate species on Tribal lands

Financial Information:

The maximum award under this program is \$150,000 with a required minimum 25% match from non-federal funds.

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Web:

<http://pacific.fws.gov/ea/tribal>

Tribal Wildlife Grant Program

Purpose:

Benefit fish, wildlife and their habitat including non-game species.

Eligibility:

Any federally recognized Tribal landowner.

Area:

Statewide/Nationwide

Typical Projects:

Projects involving habitat restoration, environmental assessment, and other efforts to protect fish, wildlife and their habitats.

Financial Information:

The maximum award under this program is \$250,000. Although matching funds are not required for these grants, they are considered an indicator of Tribal commitment.

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Conservation Grants to States (Traditional Section 6)

Purpose:

Provide financial assistance to states to participate in a wide array of voluntary conservation projects for candidate, proposed, or listed species under the Endangered Species Act.

Eligibility:

States with whom the USFWS has a current cooperative agreement and, through those states, private landowners, communities and local governments.

Area:

Statewide/Nationwide

Typical Projects:

Inventories, monitoring, radio telemetry, captive breeding, relocation efforts and surveys.

Financial Information:

All applicants must partner with the Washington Department of Natural Resources or the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife. Cost shares range from 25% for single states to 10% if two or more states implement a joint project.

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